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Mr. William J. Adams  
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Re: Request for Formal Release of 10 Sections, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, Bingham Pit, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Division has received your request to inspect, for the possibility of release, Sections 7, 17, 18 & 19, T3S, R1W. and Sections 13, 14, 15, 24, 25 & 28, T3S, R2W within the Bingham Canyon Pit permit M/035/002. You have noted that these areas are located east of the Oquirrh Mountains and do not contain any active mining operations.

We would like to tentatively schedule this site visit in the latter part of May to the first few weeks in June (weather dependent). This delay is due to the need to allow sufficient time for vegetation reemergence after the winter season.

I have spoken to Rich Borden and requested that at the time of the visit a recent air photo be available, if possible. The air photo will be needed so that areas which have not been disturbed by KUC could be assessed without having to inspect each of the sections in their entirety.

We will notify you when our Division Biologist feels that the vegetation in the area has had sufficient time for evaluation. An attempt will be made to give KUC a couple weeks notice to allow for any changes in schedules to accommodate this inspection.

Please feel free to contact me at 538-5382 or Wayne Hedberg at 538-5286 if there are any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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